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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

INFO USDEL FRANCE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, MOPS, LA, US

SUBJECT: POST- CEASEFIRE RLAF ACTIVITY

REFS: ( A) VIENTIANE 1672; ( B) VIENTIANE 1395

1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT DESPITE THE DECISIVE DROP IN MILITARY ACTIVITY RLAF CONTINUES TO CARRY OUT STRIKES THAT CANNOT BE CONSIDERED DEFENSIVE REACTION. LATEST EXAMPLE IS STRIKE REPORTED REFTEL AGAINST TRUCKS IN LPF ZONE. IN ADDITION TO TRUCKS, OTHER REPORTED TARGETS IN PAST TWO DAYS INCLUDED " SIX ENEMY SOLDIERS," " TROOP CONCENTRATIONS WHICH FAR CONSIDERED AN IMMEDIATE THREAT," AND " SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS."

2. YOUR APPROACH TO SISOUK DRAWING HIS ATTENTION TO EARLIER HIGH LEVEL OF RLAF ACTIVITY ( REFTEL B) WAS A WELCOME INITIATIVE. YOU SHOULD TAKE EARLY OCCASION AGAIN TO REMIND  
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SOUVANNA, SISOUK, AND SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS THAT WHILE THERE IS NO QUESTION OF APPROPRIATENESS OF DEFENSIVE ACTION IN CASE OF FLAGRANT NVA/ LPF VIOLATION IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE NO CONFUSION OVER WHO IS DOING WHAT TO WHOM. LPF'S CONTINUING DEMAND THAT RLG ISSUE A MORE UNEQUIVOCAL CEASEFIRE ORDER MAY BE PRELIMINARY TO CAMPAIGN OF CHARGES JUSTIFYING LPF " REACTION". RLAF SHOULD BE

DISCOURAGED FROM ANY ACTION THAT WOULD MAKE LPF TASK EASIER.

3. DOD CONCURS. ROGERS

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